



# PIRATES!

Presented by: Peter Beuret

One Thursday: October 26, 2023\*

9:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Bethany Congregational Church, 556 N. Hope Avenue, Santa Barbara

\*Note: this class was originally scheduled for fall 2022 but was postponed.

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JOIN US for an adventure with pirates in history, in the news, and in the movies – from Plutarch to CNN to Johnny Depp.

Together we will look for common causes of piracy over the centuries and around the world and consider the ways people and governments have fought them. (It isn't easy!)

Then we will focus on modern piracy, especially the pirates of Somalia. Why did they appear so suddenly out of nowhere? We will view on-the-spot videos of how they operate, hijackings, and ransoms.

Finally, we will wonder together why pirates, who we all agree are bad people who want to take our stuff and kill us, are considered fun, swashbuckling, adventurers in literature and film.



PLEASE REVIEW THE STATEMENT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FLYER REGARDING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS.

----- Preferred registration deadline\*: October 19, 2023 -----

\*Early enrollment helps us with our planning; also, those who register by the preferred deadline will be given priority in case of over-enrollment.

### Enrollment form: Pirates!

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**VISTAS members \$20; non-members \$30**

- **EITHER pay online** on our website by secure credit card through PayPal:  
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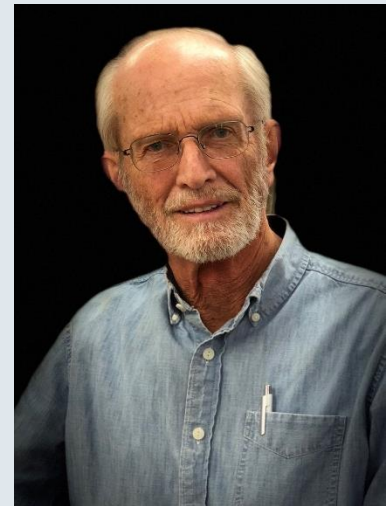
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*It is understood that attendance is limited to those who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19.*

The week after graduation from Princeton, **Peter Beuret** embarked on a backpacking journey around the world for six months, returning to begin a 35-year career with Procter & Gamble that focused on improving advertising effectiveness for P&G brands. The week after their marriage a few years later, Peter and his wife, Linda, were transferred to Europe and lived for 12 years in Frankfurt, Germany, and Madrid, Spain. Currently, they volunteer locally, travel extensively, enjoy good music, food, and wine, and have birded and snorkeled in much of the world.

Ten years ago, Peter and Linda were in the Seychelles on a French ship that had been hijacked by Somali pirates the year before. The captain's first-hand story, which you will hear, sparked his interest in the subject of piracy.



### IMPORTANT COVID-19 POLICY

The health and safety of our attendees and their families are of utmost importance to us. **Accordingly, we are limiting attendance to those who are fully vaccinated.** Proof of vaccinations and boosters (digital Covid-19 Vaccination Card or a photo of your printed card) must be sent to our business manager via email ([vistas@vistaslifelonglearning.org](mailto:vistas@vistaslifelonglearning.org)) or text (805-967-6030). Participants may also be asked to show vaccination status on the first day of each course in case our records are incomplete. This needs to be done only once—your proof of vaccination will remain valid for all VISTAS events. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

## VISTAS Fall 2023 Calendar

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE; for up-to-date information, visit our website ([VistasLifelongLearning.org](http://VistasLifelongLearning.org)) frequently!**

Course / Event	Date(s)	Time	Venue
Annual Fall Picnic	Saturday, September 9	12:30 pm	Tucker's Grove
Fiction Book Club / Sharon Alvarado	3rd Thursday monthly	10:00 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Monday Nonfiction Book Club / Dawn McGrew	4th Monday monthly	1:30 pm	Via Zoom
Flight—Ups and Downs of Aviation / Bruce Phillips	Mon. Sep. 11 and 18	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
Impact of Railroads on Am. Music / Norm Cohen	Wed. Sep. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Legendary Foods of France and Italy / Larry Canepa	Fri. Sep. 15 and 22	10:00 am	Via Zoom
Women behind Walls / Bee Bloeser	Thur. Sep. 28	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Rethinking Obesity / Dr. Fima Lifshitz	Tues. Oct. 3	9:30 am	Valle Verde
Money in America's Political System / Ted Anagnoson	Mon. Oct. 16, 23, 30	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Nature of Time / Jim Hemmer	Wed. Oct. 18	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
<b>Pirates! / Peter Beuret</b>	<b>Thur. Oct. 26</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Bethany Congreg. Church</b>
History and Development of the Bible / Norm Cohen	Fri. Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	Venue TBD
The US in the World: A Top-10 Summary / D. Stowell	Tues. Oct. 31	10:00 am	Via Zoom
Thirty-Six Years in the CIA / Heidi August	Mon. Nov. 6	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
<i>Sitting Bull: In His Own Words</i> / J. Ferry & G. DeSoto	Wed. Nov. 8	9:30 am	Valle Verde Theater
Church Music in the 16th Century / Henry Michaels	Mon. Nov. 13, 20, 27	10:00 am	Via Zoom
"The Opulent Summer" Mural / C. Garfinkle	Wed. Nov. 15	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Combating Human Trafficking / Florrie Burke	Fri. Dec. 1	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Women Architects of S.B. / Rose Thomas	Mon. Dec. 4, 11	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
Science Behind the Botanic Garden / S. Windhager	Wed. Dec. 6	1:00 pm	Santa Barbara Botanic Garden